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8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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12 SANTA ANA DIVISION

13 In re:
14 **THE LITIGATION PRACTICE**
15 **GROUP, P.C.,**

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17 Debtor.
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19 Case Number 8:23-bk-10571-SC
20 Chapter 11
21 **UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S**
22 **OBJECTION TO APPLICATION FOR**
23 **ORDER SETTING HEARING ON**
24 **SHORTENED NOTICE [MOTION**
25 **FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER RE:**
26 **CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL**
27 **INFORMATION OF MORNING LAW**
28 **GROUP, P.C.]**

21 **TO THE HONORABLE SCOTT CLARKSON, UNITED STATES**
22 **BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, DEBTOR, DEBTOR'S COUNSEL, CHAPTER 11**
23 **TRUSTEE, AND ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST:**

24 The United States Trustee files this Objection (the "Objection") to the Application
25 for Order Setting Hearing on Shortened Notice [Bankr. Dkt. # 1279] filed by Morning Law
26 Group, P.C. ("MLG") in connection with its Motion for Protective Order re: Confidential
27 Commercial Information [Bankr. Dkt. # 1278], as set forth below.

1 On June 3, 2024, MLG filed a Motion (the “Motion”) for Protective Order Re:
2 Confidential Commercial Information of MLG [Bankr. Dkt. # 1278]. MLG also filed an
3 Application (the “OST Application”) for Order Setting Hearing on Shortened Notice in
4 connection with the Motion [Bankr. Dkt. # 1279].

5 Local Bankruptcy Rule 9075-1(b)(2) provides that any OST Application must:

- 6 (A) Describe the nature of the relief requested in the underlying
7 motion, identify the parties affected by the relief requested in
8 the motion, and state the reasons necessitating a hearing on
9 shortened notice; and
10 (B) Be supported by the declaration of one or more competent
11 witnesses under penalty of perjury that justifies the setting of
12 a hearing on shortened notice and establishes a *prima facie*
13 basis for the granting of the underlying motion.

14 LBR 9075-1(b)(2)(A)-(B).

15 In the OST Application, MLG provides the following reason necessitating a hearing
16 on shortened time: “The Court, the Committee and others have requested that MLG file its
17 confidential commercial information. Protections are necessary to prevent public
18 disclosure of such information. MLG seeks to comply with demands for documents as
19 soon as possible without disclosing confidential information.” OST Application (filed
20 6/3/2024), at p. 2 (Paragraph 2(c)).

21 While MLG is seeking to prevent public disclosure of certain alleged confidential
22 information, this is not a basis for setting the Motion hearing on a shortened time. MLG
23 has not provided evidence of any emergency to justify the shortened notice. Instead, the
24 hearing on the Motion should be set on regular notice so all parties are afforded sufficient
25 time to file a response to the Motion.
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1 On May 31, 2024, United States Trustee filed a Response to MLG's Status Report to
2 address MLG's request to seal certain documentation and further reporting pursuant to §
3 107 of the Bankruptcy Code [Bankr. Dkt. # 1266]. The United States Trustee intends to
4 file a formal response to the Motion as well.
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6 For the reasons set forth above, the United States Trustee requests that this Court
7 deny the OST Application and set the hearing on the Motion on regular notice.

8 PETER C. ANDERSON
9 UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

10 Dated: June 5, 2024

11 By: /s/ Kenneth Misken
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Jaimee Zayicek

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